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TO USMISSION USBERLIN  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 9131  
AMEMBASSY OTTAWA  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PGOV WB US UK FR UR CA  
SUBJECT: RUDOLF HESS: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON COSTS  
OF INTERNMENT

BEGIN SUMMARY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION FROM  
USBER FOR USE IN RESPONDING TO A REQUEST FROM THE  
CANADIAN BROADCASTING COMPANY FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING  
THE COSTS OF MAINTAINING SPANDAU PRISON. END SUMMARY.

1. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE CANADIAN EMBASSY FOR  
GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING TO A REQUEST FROM THE CANADIAN  
BROADCASTING CORPORATION (CBC) ON COSTS AT SPANDAU.  
CBC IS PREPARING A FILM PROFILE ON HESS FOR USE AT THE  
TIME OF HIS DEATH AS AN OBITUARY.

2. WE HAVE TOLD THE CANADIAN EMBASSY THAT, WHILE THE  
INFORMATION CBC RECEIVED FROM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA (BELOW) WAS  
PROBABLY CORRECT, WE WOULD TRY TO DETERMINE  
WHETHER THERE WAS ANY INFORMATION ALREADY ON THE PUBLIC  
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RECORD WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. THE CANADIAN EMBASSY  
WILL SEND AN INTERIM REPLY TO CBC STATING THAT WE ARE  
LOOKING INTO THE MATTER BUT WITHOUT ANY COMMITMENT TO  
SUPPLY INFORMATION.

3. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE CBC TELEX TO THE  
CANADIAN EMBASSY:

BEGIN TEXT

THE TV NEWS SPECIALS UNIT OF THE CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION IN TORONTO IS PRESENTLY PREPARING A FILM PROFILE OF RUDOLF HESS WHICH WILL BE TELECAST ON THE CBC NETWORK AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH AS AN OBITUARY. I HAVE BEEN GATHERING RESEARCH ON MATERIAL ON HESS AND SPANDAU FOR SCRIPTING PURPOSES AND WOULD LIKE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION CONCERNING THE COST OF HESS' CONTINUED INTERNMENT BUT THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN OTTAWA HAS BEEN INFORMED BY WASHINGTON THAT THIS INFORMATION CAN ONLY BE RELEASED ON THE AGREEMENT OF THE FOUR POWERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UPKEEP OF SPANDAU. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT I REQUEST YOUR SERVICES IN CONTACTING THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BONN REGARDING THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN FIGURES. IN 1966 IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE GUARD AT SPANDAU CHANGED EVERY FOUR WEEKS ROTATING BETWEEN THE FRENCH, ENGLISH, AMERICAN AND RUSSIAN AND THAT EACH GROUP COMPRISED OF (1) A GOVERNOR, (2) TWENTY-EIGHT SOLDIERS, (3) FIVE COOKS AND CLERKS, AND (4) THAT THIS COST ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER DAY. CONCEIVABLY THE NUMBER OF STAFF INVOLVED COULD HAVE REMAINED THE SAME BUT WITH INFLATION THE COST PER DAY HAS UNDOUBTEDLY CHANGED DRASTICALLY. COULD I ASK YOU TO OBTAIN PRESENT DAY FIGURES FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. I REALIZE THAT THIS INFORMATION MAY NOT BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE BUT I MIGHT EXPLAIN THAT DUE TO THE STATE OF HESS' HEALTH WE ARE ANXIOUS TO COMPLETE THE FILM AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WOULD APPRECIATE AN ANSWER AS SOON AS CONVENIENTLY POSSIBLE. PERHAPS YOU WOULD CONTACT ME BY TELEX OR BY PHONE TO INFORM ME AS TO THE APPROXIMATE TIME YOU FEEL THIS WILL TAKE. I THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR MY PHONE NUMBER IN TORONTO IS (416) 925-3311 EXTENSION 3104. RESPECTFULLY, PATRICIA SMITH, RESEARCH NEWS SPECIALS.

END TEXT

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION FROM USBER WHICH IS PUBLIC OR PUBLISHABLE FOR USE IN RESPONDING TO THE CBC REQUEST.  
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